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Discount MetroCards for low income New Yorkers part of city's $89 billion budget deal

The budget includes $106 million allocated to the Fair Fares program.

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Mayor Bill de Blasio and speaker Corey Johnson announce MetroCard prices will be cut in half for those most struggling New Yorkers. BENJAMIN KANTER - MAYOR PHOTO OFFICE VIA TWITTER @NYCGOV

Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Council Speaker Corey Johnson shook hands on the rotunda of City Hall on Monday to the applause of lawmakers after an agreement was reached on an $89 billion budget deal.

The agreement includes $106 million allocated for the city's Fair Fares program, which will provide MetroCards for low-income New Yorkers. The $106 million funding for the program, set to be implemented Jan. 1, is less than the council's proposed $212 million, according to the New York Daily News.

According to Bloomberg, about 800,000 New Yorkers would be eligible for the discount. Those who would benefit earn incomes below the federal poverty line. For individuals, the line is $12,000, while families of four the amount is $24,339. The discounted MetroCards would save families about $700 a year.

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According to Bloomberg, about 800,000 low-income New Yorkers will be eligible for the Fair Fares discount.

"When it comes down to it, I thought the Fair Fares proposal was smart, it was fair. We're going to start with this money," de Blasio said at the press conference, according to the Daily News.

The Fair Fares program has been one of Johnson's top priorities since he became speaker. "We hope it is the first significant step toward obliterating this problem when it comes to mass transit accessibility. This is for poor New Yorkers; this is not an MTA subsidy," Johnson said, NY1 reported.

According to Bloomberg, the budget will also include $1 billion for in capital spending for the city's deteriorating public-housing agency, which helps 400,000 tenants, $12 million to equip city police officers with body cameras and $10 million to expand summer youth employment programs.

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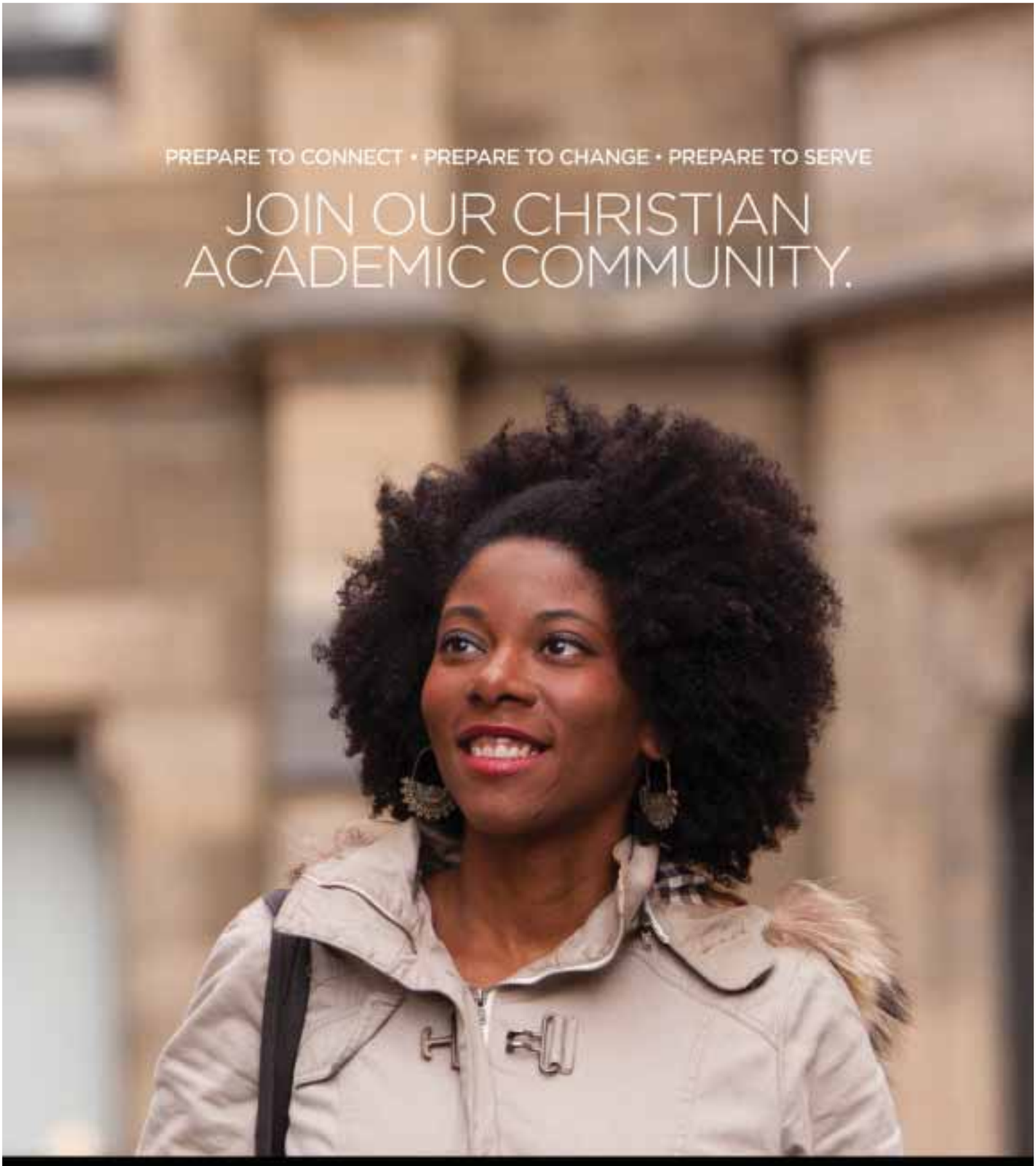
Here we are: The president of the United States will meet the leader of North Korea in a historic summit to try and bring peace to the Korean peninsula. Or you can look at it another way: A 71-year-old infantile egomaniac will meet a 36-year-old infantile egomaniac and they will discuss the size of their rockets. No one knows what will happen – it could be anything from a Nobel Prize to total annihilation. One thing's for sure: It won't be boring. So check **metro.us** for the latest updates and pick up Wednesday's Metro for the analysis. Well ... if there will be Wednesday ...

2 TRUMP ADVISER KUDLOW SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Top White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow, a staunch defender of President Donald Trump's tough stance on global trade, was in good condition in a Washington-area hospital after suffering a heart attack, White House spokeswoman Sarah Sanders said on Tuesday. Trump announced Kudlow's heart attack in a tweet sent minutes before he met with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore. "Our Great Larry Kudlow, who has been working so hard on trade and the economy, has just suffered a heart attack. He is now in Walter Reed Medical Center," Trump said. Later, Sanders, who was traveling with the president, told reporters that Kudlow was "in good condition" and "doing well." The Walter Reed National Military Medical Center is in suburban Maryland. A longtime television commentator, Kudlow, 70, was hired by Trump in March to replace Gary Cohn as director of the National Economic Council. Kudlow joined the president at the Group of Seven summit in Quebec on Friday and Saturday. He did several media interviews on Sunday to vigorously defend Trump after the president's trade spat with summit host Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

3 DENNIS RODMAN ARRIVES IN SINGAPORE

Former NBA star Dennis Rodman arrived in Singapore late on Monday for a summit between U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un, saying he was "excited to be part of it." There has been no indication Rodman would be involved in any official talks at the summit, which is aimed at getting North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons and missiles in exchange for economic incentives and security guarantees. "It should go fairly well, but people should not expect so much for the first time," Rodman told reporters at the airport. "The doors are opening." Trump, asked last week if Rodman had been invited to Singapore, said, "No, he wasn't." Rodman is one of a handful of Westerners to have visited reclusive North Korea and met Kim. He most recently traveled there a year ago as a private citizen. After that five-day visit, Rodman told reporters, "I'm just trying to open the door." This trip, like the last one, is sponsored by potcoin.com, the cryptocurrency provider for the legal marijuana industry, Rodman said on Twitter.



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President Donald Trump and North Korean dictator Kim Jong Un will come face-to-face Tuesday in a historic summit in Singapore. GETTY IMAGES

Trump, Kim meet for historic Singapore summit

But whether progress will be made between the U.S. and North Korea remains anyone's guess.

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The U.S. and North Korea are waiting with bated breath for a summit that is set to happen Tuesday, after almost 70 years of bitter rivalry between the two countries.

The encounter between President Donald Trump and dictator Kim Jong Un is considered one of the hardest-to-predict events in diplomatic history and will certainly be remembered for centuries to come — no matter the result.

"We have to be realistic with expectations," Ali Riaz, professor of political science at Illinois State University explained to Metro. "I don't expect a dramatic breakthrough. Instead I expect both leaders to lay out their terms and expectations. Kim Jong Un will have his wish list, which will include security assurance and promises of immediate economic assistance from the U.S. He will try to push for a commitment from Trump of U.S. withdrawal from the region. Trump, on the other hand, is expected to ask for an announcement of denuclearization with a clear roadmap."

Prior to the summit, Kim Jong Un basked in the global spotlight after meeting with his southern counterpart, South Korea President Moon Jae-in, in April this year. During the peace talks, he already committed to "complete denuclearization" of the country, aiming to establish permanent peace on the peninsula.

On the other hand, Trump's administration constantly insisted on "complete, verifiable and irreversible" denuclearization, but now took a step back and agreed on the process to happen "by phases."

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In any case, this decision goes beyond North Korea and the U.S. Each side's allies are also anxiously waiting for the results of this historic encounter.

"I don't think Kim is acting without the consent of China," Riaz concluded. "Any agreement will have to have the blessings of Chinese leadership. An agreement which will reduce U.S. presence and influence in the region is not only beneficial to China but is its primary strategic objective. Same goes with Russia. The invitation to Kim by Putin indicates that Russia doesn't want to be left out. Japan has most to lose if Trump agrees to a bad deal about regional security. South Korea will remain the key player in going forward; without South Korea on board there won't be any success."

4 HISTORIC ENCOUNTERS AND THEIR CONSEQUENCES

Barack Obama & Raúl Castro
The "Cuban thaw" of 2016 between President Obama and Cuban President Raul Castro vastly improved relations between the two countries. The historic gesture marked the end of 54 years of hostility. The historic "prisoner swap" between the United States and Cuba in December of 2014 marked the most significant shift in White House policy toward Cuba since the implementation of the 1962 embargo. Cuba was officially removed from the U.S. state sponsors of terrorism list.

Nixon & Mao Tse Tung
In 1972, Nixon made a historic and unprecedented journey to meet Chairman Mao, in part paved by members of an American ping-pong delegation who traveled to Beijing the year before. The leaders' historic handshake was as much about countering the Soviet threat as building trade and cordial relations between the two countries.

Israel & Palestine
After historic summits between Egypt and Israel in 1993, a series of meetings took place between Palestine and Israel. The most famous one happened in the White House where Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat signed an initial peace agreement. The awkward handshake they made remains an iconic image of Israeli-Palestinian history.

North and South Korea
The first meeting between the two countries happened in the year 2000 between Kim Jong-il, the late father of North Korea's current leader, and South Korea's then-president, liberal Kim Dae-jung. That encounter led to a deal on joint economic projects. The second inter-Korean summit happened in October 2007 between Kim Jong-il and President Roh Moo-hyun. In a highly symbolic moment, Roh crossed the Demilitarized Zone and met with Kim in the North Korean capital of Pyongyang. They agreed to pursue a peace treaty to formally end the Korean War and reached a set of cooperation projects.

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How will the summit play out?

Metro speaks with Sung-Yoon Lee, professor of Korean studies at Kim Koo-Korea Foundation.

Q&A

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What should we expect from this summit?
Both Trump and Kim will gain political victories from the summit. Trump will claim to have defused a tense stand-off, tamed the North Korean leader, and compelled North Korea to start the process of denuclearization. But Kim Jong Un will walk away with far bigger gains. Kim will have engaged the U.S. in yet another protracted negotiation process with no final negotiated agreement in sight, during which time he will buy time and money with which to perfect his own nuclear posture review. In fact, North Korea will have deterred the U.S. from even thinking about a preemptive strike, compelled the U.S. and other U.N. member states to stop enforcing sanctions against Pyongyang, laid the foundation for the resumption of generous aid from South Korea and China, and deterred other states from ramping up diplomatic pressure against Pyongyang. "Maximum pressure" will be dead.

Will denuclearization come quickly?
North Korea will make small concessions like readmitting IAEA inspectors into its main nuclear site in Yongbyon, etc., but stall on dismantling its nuclear apparatuses or shipping out nuclear warheads. A nation that has worked for half a century to develop nukes and has to contend with a far more successful, freer, richer Korean state across the border does not bargain away the one ace card (nuclear threat capability) it has that may one day enable the inferior North to prevail over the superior South.

Could both leaders reach an agreement?
Pyongyang has been playing this two-act play, provocation followed by placation (provoke relentlessly, then change the tune from molto agitato to placido and put on a fake peace ploy), for decades. For Pyongyang, it always pays to provoke. But it pays even more to placate after provoking. After a banner ballistic year in 2017, in which Kim established his threat credibility, 2018 is the perfect time to reap the harvest on the seeds of provocations. Pyongyang is very crafty, and does not just escalate endlessly. It knows when to come down a rung or two.

What will happen if things go wrong?
South Korea has grown rich over the past decades; hence, it favors de-escalation and the status quo. Seoul does not seek a German model of unification, absorption of the less successful neighbor. On the other hand, North Korea has to live with a richer South that is a magnet to its own people; hence, it favors the Vietnamese model of unification, communization by force.

At the U.N. General Assembly, Donald Trump stated he could destroy North Korea. Do you expect him to take those words back?
It will be politically difficult for Trump to walk away first from a deal he has endorsed. Hence, Trump will try to cling on to the agreement, even as North Korea demurs, cheats, and blatantly violates the deal. Advantage North Korea.

What role do China, South Korea, Japan and Russia play?
In the next few months, Kim will hold summit meetings with Vladimir Putin and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, further bolstering his own image as a legitimate global statesman instead of a ruthless, weird dictator. It's exactly what his father, Kim Jong Il, did in 2000-2002. Kim Jong Il made his first visit to China as the national leader in May 2000, held the first-ever inter-Korean summit in June (and pocketed $500 million in cash from the South), received President Putin in Pyongyang in July, sent a special envoy to President Clinton in October, received Secretary of State Madeleine Albright in Pyongyang later the same month, paid another visit to China in January 2001, visited Putin in Moscow in August that year, and received Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi in Pyongyang in Sept 2002. As a result, Kim got his neighbors to legitimate him as a reasonable leader with whom the U.S. could do nuclear business. Kim Jong Un is doing the same today, and Trump is walking right into this elaborate trap.

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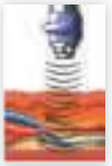

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If you're at war with erectile dysfunction (ED), you're not alone. In fact, one in every four new patients is under the age of 40, according to the *Journal of Sexual Medicine*. While it may be comforting to know that it's more common than you think, you're probably more concerned with getting it under control. And we don't blame you—ED takes a serious toll on relationships, intimacy and overall well-being.

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Trump, Kim handshake kicks off US-North Korea meeting

The two met privately with only interpretors in the meeting room.

Donald Trump shakes hands with North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un as they sit down for their historic US-North Korea summit GETTY IMAGES

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump shook hands, smiling cautiously at the outset of their historic summit in Singapore on Tuesday, in which they will look for ways to end a nuclear standoff on the Korean peninsula.

"Nice to meet you Mister President," Kim said moments later as he sat alongside Trump, against a backcloth of North Korean and U.S. flags, beaming more broadly as the U.S. president gave him a thumbs up.

With cameras of the world's press trained on them, Trump and Kim built an initial atmosphere of friendship.

"I feel really great. We're going to have a great discussion and will be tremendously successful. It's my honor and we will have a terrific relationship, I have no doubt," Trump said.

"It was not easy to get here. … There were obstacles but we overcame them to be here," Kim replied.

Trump and Kim were due to hold a one-on-one meeting that could last around two hours, before they are joined by other officials and have lunch together.

Should they succeed in making a diplomatic breakthrough, it could bring lasting change to the security landscape of Northeast Asia, in a similar way to how the fall of the Berlin Wall in 1989 changed Europe.

With destiny calling, Trump was the first to arrive at the colonial-era Capella Hotel on Sentosa, a resort island off Singapore's port with luxury hotels, a Universal Studios theme park and man-made beaches.

While Trump and Kim search each other's eyes and words for signs of trust or deceit, the rest of the world will be watching, hoping that somehow these two unpredictable leaders can find a way to defuse one of the planet's most dangerous flashpoints.

In the hours before the summit began Trump expressed optimism about prospects for the first-ever meeting of sitting U.S. and North Korean leaders, while U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo injected a note of caution whether Kim would prove to be sincere about his willingness to denuclearize. REUTERS

Pizza deliveryman detained by ICE granted temporary stay

A federal judge in Manhattan granted a last-minute stay of deportation to Pablo Villavicencio, the man detained by Immigration and Customs Enforcement after delivering pizza to a Brooklyn Army base.

Villavicencio, whose wife and two daughters are U.S. citizens, will be able to remain in the country until July 20, the date on which he'll have a court hearing, as he works on his immigration case.

The stay of deportation was granted Saturday and temporarily halts Villavicencio's immediate deportation to his home country of Ecuador. He has been in the U.S. for 10 years and has committed no crimes in that time, an ICE representative said, but was ordered by an immigration judge to leave the country by July 2010.

Villavicencio will remain in ICE custody in New Jersey until his case goes to court.

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"Although we are disappointed that Pablo will remain detained, [Saturday's] stay is a victory for him and his family, and also for due process and the fair administration of justice," said Gregory Copeland, an immigration lawyer with the Legal Aid Society, in a statement. "This decision is also a reminder that the judiciary can still serve as a powerful check when other branches of government make hasty, cruel and reckless decisions."

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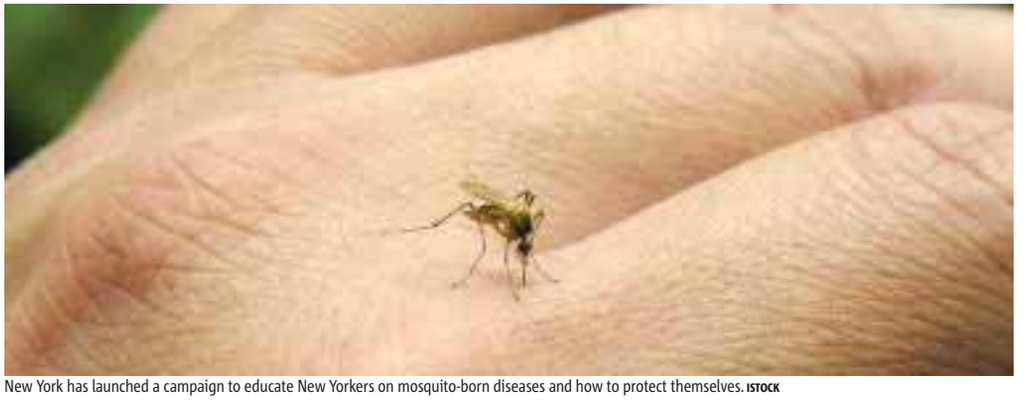

New York has launched a campaign to educate New Yorkers on mosquito-born diseases and how to protect themselves. ISTOCK

State launches awareness campaign to protect New Yorkers from mosquito-borne diseases

With summer comes bug bites, which can cause more harm than just an itch.

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It's almost summer, which means sunshine, swimming and, unfortunately, insects. Among the notorious flying pests are mosquitoes, which pose more danger than just itchy bumps. And because of their potential danger, Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced a plan to educate New Yorkers on mosquito-borne diseases.

Mosquitoes can transmit viruses like eastern equine encephalitis and West Nile virus, for which there are no human vaccines. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that the number of cases of mosquito-borne (as well as flea- and tick-borne) illness more than tripled from 2004 to 2016.

"With the beginning of summer upon us, it is important to keep in mind the health risks associated with mosquito-borne diseases," Cuomo said in a statement. "This advisory serves to help New Yorkers stay informed and take the necessary precautions to keep their families safe when spending time outdoors this summer."

As part of the effort, the health department has issued a seasonal mosquito-borne disease health advisory to all local health departments and health-care providers that includes information on the symptoms of and diagnostic procedures for eastern equine encephalitis, West Nile virus and Zika.

To monitor mosquitoes in New York, the health department will collect and identify the insects weekly from traps set up in key habitats. This helps officials identify areas at risk of disease and to track trends in infections by geographic area, which will guide local decisions and mosquito control measures.

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The state is also reminding New Yorkers what they can do to reduce their risk of contracting a mosquito-borne disease, including covering skin as completely as possible when outside, eliminating any standing water in your yard, as well as cleaning and chlorinating swimming pools.

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NYCHA will receive about $4 billion for capital improvements in the first four years in total from city, state and federal funding.

The New York City Housing Authority has repeatedly lied about safety and sanitary conditions at public housing developments, putting children, elderly residents and others at risk of health complications, prosecutors say in a federal complaint filed Monday.

Geoffrey Berman, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced both the complaint and a proposed settlement agreement on Monday.

The complaint alleges that NYCHA "for years has violated and continues to violate basic federal health and safety regulations," such as protecting children from exposure to lead paint, and has also lied to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development about its compliance with those regulations.

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"NYCHA's failure to provide decent, safe, and sanitary housing is simply unacceptable, and illegal. Children must be protected from toxic lead paint, apartments must be free of mold and pest infestations, and developments must provide adequate heat in winter and elevator service. NYCHA has put its residents at risk," Berman said in a statement. "[Monday's] unprecedented settlement will improve life for the 400,000 residents who call NYCHA home, while ensuring accountability, reform, and oversight at this troubled institution."

"Decades of divestment by the federal and state governments and decades of neglect by New York City government have pushed our public housing system to the brink. I didn't run for mayor to continue that history. I ran to help turn it around," Mayor Bill de Blasio said in a statement. "By further acknowledging and providing solutions to a decades-old pattern of mismanagement, divestment and neglect, I am confident this settlement will be a turning point for our public housing system."

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3 World Trade Center officially opens

With the opening of the city's fifth-tallest building, Lower Manhattan's post-9/11 rebuild reaches another major milestone.

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Construction on 3 WTC began in 2008 but halted during the housing crisis and restarted in 2010. It was built by more than 4,000 union construction workers working millions of hours.

Larry Silverstein, CEO of 3 WTC's developer Silverstein Properties, cuts the ribbon on the latest milestone in the post-9/11 rebuild of Lower Manhattan.

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Lower Manhattan on Monday reached another milestone in its post-9/11 rebuild with the official opening of 3 World Trade Center.

"This is a moment of enormous pride for me and for everyone in the Silverstein organization and for the thousands of women and men who had a hand in creating this amazing building," said Larry Silverstein, chairman of developer Silverstein Properties, who thanked his staff, the more than 4,000 union construction workers who built the skyscraper and its new tenants. "This is your building — and I welcome you to it."

While 3 WTC was more than 10 years in the making, "we can't come here without it being very bittersweet," said Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney. "It's truly amazing to see what has happened since that day."

By year-end, 3 WTC, which is 38 percent leased, will house more than 6,000 of Lower Manhattan's newest employees from GroupM, its anchor tenant which leased nearly 700,000 square feet across 14 floors; McKinsey; and IEX.

"We're proud to be the anchor tenant of 3 World Trade Center," said GroupM's Global CEO Kelly Clark. "Lower Manhattan is quickly becoming a world capital for advertising, media, technology and information. We're excited about our inspiring new space and everything this neighborhood has to offer."

City Comptroller Scott Stringer, who moved to Lower Manhattan after 9/11, said the opening of 3 WTC "celebrates the resurgence of New York — many said Lower Manhattan could never be rebuilt, but Silverstein Properties made clear we don't break."

Two facets of rebuilding of the WTC site remain, with the Ronald O. Perelman Performing Arts Center adjacent to 7 WTC currently under construction and building 2 WTC. Silverstein told Metro the arts center is expected to be complete by 2021 and he expects 2 WTC to land an anchor tenant next year. Its construction, he said, should take about 4½ years.

9 FAST FACTS ABOUT 3 WORLD TRADE CENTER

- 3 WTC is located at 175 Greenwich St., on the site of the former Marriott World Trade Center, which was destroyed in the 9/11 attacks.
- Construction began in 2008 but halted during the housing crisis and restarted in 2010.
- It was built by more than 4,000 union construction workers working millions of hours.
- Construction included 10,000 glass panels, 27,000 tons of steel, 145,000 cubic yards of concrete, 44 elevators and five service elevators.
- The 80-story building is 1,079 feet tall, making it the fifth-tallest building in New York City.
- It has three outdoor terraces: on the 17th, 60th and 76th floors.
- Features a total of 2.5 million square feet of office space and more than 216K feet of retail space across five levels.
- Like its predecessors, 4 WTC and 7 WTC, it is LEED-certified gold.
- It is 38 percent leased, with GroupM its anchor tenant with nearly 700,000 square feet across 14 floors.

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New Jersey governor signs sports betting bill into law

New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy on Monday signed a bill to legalize sports betting, opening the door for the state to begin regulating and taxing the activity at casinos and racetracks.

"Our casinos in Atlantic City and our racetracks throughout our state can attract new business and new fans, boosting their own long-term financial prospects," Murphy said in a statement. "This is the right move for New Jersey and it will strengthen our economy."

Monmouth Park Racetrack, where the U.S. unit of U.K.-based William Hill PLC has already built a sports book, expects to take its first bet at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, a park spokesman told Reuters.

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New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy

State gaming and racing regulators, which are scheduled to meet this week, still have to issue emergency regulations to cover the roll out at facilities that already have sports betting licenses.

Murphy's signature positions New Jersey to be the second U.S. state to potentially roll out full-scale sports wagering, after Delaware last week.

Some states are rushing to implement sports betting in the wake of a U.S. Supreme Court decision in May that overturned a 1992 law banning it in all but a few places, including Delaware, which had only allowed limited wagers.

Gov. Phil Murphy made New Jersey the second state in the nation to legalize sports betting. GETTY IMAGES

Gross sports betting revenues at New Jersey's casinos and horse racetracks will be taxed at 8.5 percent. After 30 days, the state will allow online bets as well, which will be taxed at 13 percent.

People placing bets must be at least 21 years old. Athletes, coaches, referees and other people with influence over games or access to confidential information are not allowed to bet on their own league's sport.

Betting is also prohibited on high school and college games taking place in New Jersey or involving the state's own such teams.

Professional sports leagues, most of which fought states' efforts to legalize sports betting for years, say the New Jersey bill does not contain any of the fraud fighting provisions they need to protect the integrity of games.

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Ex-NY state senate leader, son fail to end corruption case

A federal judge let stand a corruption indictment against former New York State Senate majority leader Dean Skelos and his son Adam and refused to move next week's retrial out of state despite their claim it would be too hard to find an impartial jury.

In a decision made public on Monday, U.S. District Judge Kimba Wood in Manhattan rejected claims that a recent U.S. Supreme Court decision narrowing the definition of corruption tainted the government's extortion and bribery case.

Wood said it was enough that prosecutors alleged that Dean Skelos "took some official action or actions" in exchange for payments for his son, but that they did not have to occur simultaneously.

In refusing to move their retrial, Wood found it "likely" a fair jury could be seated in New York, downplaying the Skeloses' concerns that pretrial publicity had "poisoned" the jury pool and left them "generally presumed" guilty there.

Dean Skelos GETTY IMAGES

"Many courts have noted that large metropolitan districts have jury pools so large and diverse that finding untainted jurors is easier than in smaller or more insular districts," Wood wrote.

Lawyers for the Skeloses did not immediately respond to requests for comment. A spokesman for U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman in Manhattan declined to comment.

Jury selection begins on June 19.

Prosecutors accused Dean Skelos, a Long Island Republican, of using his position as Senate majority leader to pressure three companies to provide his son with consulting work, a "no-show" job and a $20,000 payment.

The Skeloses were convicted in December 2015. Wood later sentenced Dean Skelos to five years in prison, and Adam Skelos to 6-1/2 years. Both have been free on bail.

In overturning their convictions, the federal appeals court in Manhattan cited a Supreme Court decision that concerned former Virginia Gov. Bob McDonnell, and which said routine activities such as arranging meetings were not a basis for corruption prosecutions. REUTERS

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By Matt Edgar
America's Health Writer

Arthritis sufferers can't get it fast enough and doctors offering it can't keep up with the demand. "Results are better than even I anticipated" noted one of the treating docs at the ***NY Pain MD*** Center for Non-Surgical Medical Relief Of Spine And Joint Pain with two locations right here in NYC.

He was referring to their innovative arthritis treatment program featuring Advanced Image-guided "Visco-Supplementation" at the conveniently located clinics..

"The response continues to be overwhelming. Once patients found out there was an FDA cleared, doctor-administered arthritis treatment that actually works – without the side effects of oral pain pills or risks of replacement surgery - and has enough scientific research that it is covered by many insurances and even Part B medicare – the offices continue to be deluged with arthritis pain sufferers wanting to find if they, too, can be helped. And newer research indicates it can help hips, ankles and shoulders as well".

What Is This Treatment And How Does It Work?

If you are suffering with knee (or other joint) arthritis and pain, you are not alone. Degenerative joint disease or "arthritis" affects 21 mil-lion Americans and typically involves the weight bearing joints – like your knees. According to the American College of Rheumatology, nearly 70% of people over the age of 70 have x-ray evidence of the disease (and the ranks of much younger victims of this progressive disorder continue to grow significantly).

The worst thing is: Arthritis can be devastating. The pain can keep you up at night and make getting out of bed and moving around a daunting task. The pain and stiffness can suck all the happiness and joy right out of your life

And up until now, treatment options have not been that good… or that appealing to most patients. The basic protocol has been a steady diet of toxic pain pills until your joints completely wear out and then it's time to surgically replace the knee joint.

Read This If You Have Already Had Treatment Without Good Results

Even if you've failed Synvisc, Supartz, or other arthritis programs or had "blind" procedures, good results may still be possible when using ***NY Pain MD*** methods utilizing Precision Arthritis Targeting Technology (P.A.T.T). To achieve the best results.

But Now Things Have Changed

Osteoarthritis is a joint disease that mostly affects the cartilage. Cartilages the tissue that covers the ends on bones in a joint. When healthy, cartilage allows bones to glide smoothly over one another and acts as a shock absorber. Your" normal" knee also contains a small amount of fluid called synovial fluid. This synovial fluid is a thick, gel-like solution that cushions and lubricates the joint–much like oil lubricates the engine of your car.

In osteoarthritis, the synovial fluid loses it's lubricating properties and "dries up" allowing the cartilage to break down and wear away. This is *like running your car with little or no oil.* Now as you attempt to use your knee(s), there is not enough lubrication causing the bones to grind together resulting in pain, swelling, stiffness and the joint continues to wear out. This is a vicious cycle and can lead to bone-on-bone rubbing and excruciating pain. Pain pills do NOT lubricate the joint or fix the problem. They simply mask the pain so you do not feel the pain as your joints continue to deteriorate. The eventual repercussions of this are obvious.

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What's Results Can You Expect?

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Who Should Consider Viscosupplementation... Where Can You Get It And... When Should You Start?

You should certainly consider The ***NY Pain MD*** method if you have been diagnosed with knee arthritis or told you need a knee replacement. If you have not been diagnosed with arthritis but have either knee pain, stiffness, swelling, difficulty walking or climbing stairs or loss of motion in the knee – you should have an examination to determine what the cause of your problem is. If you have any of those issues mentioned, there is a very good chance you already have-or are starting to get arthritis.

Very Important – Do Not Wait - Here's Why …

Studies indicate that if the arthritis is caught soon enough, the cushioning effect of the treatments c may be able to help the knee heal and possibly, slow the arthritis thus help avoid joint replacement surgery. In other words, the sooner you start – the better. Does the procedure hurt? A local anesthetic is given to numb the area and the procedure is virtually painless. Most patients say it feels like nothing more than a slight "pinching" sensation… that's it.

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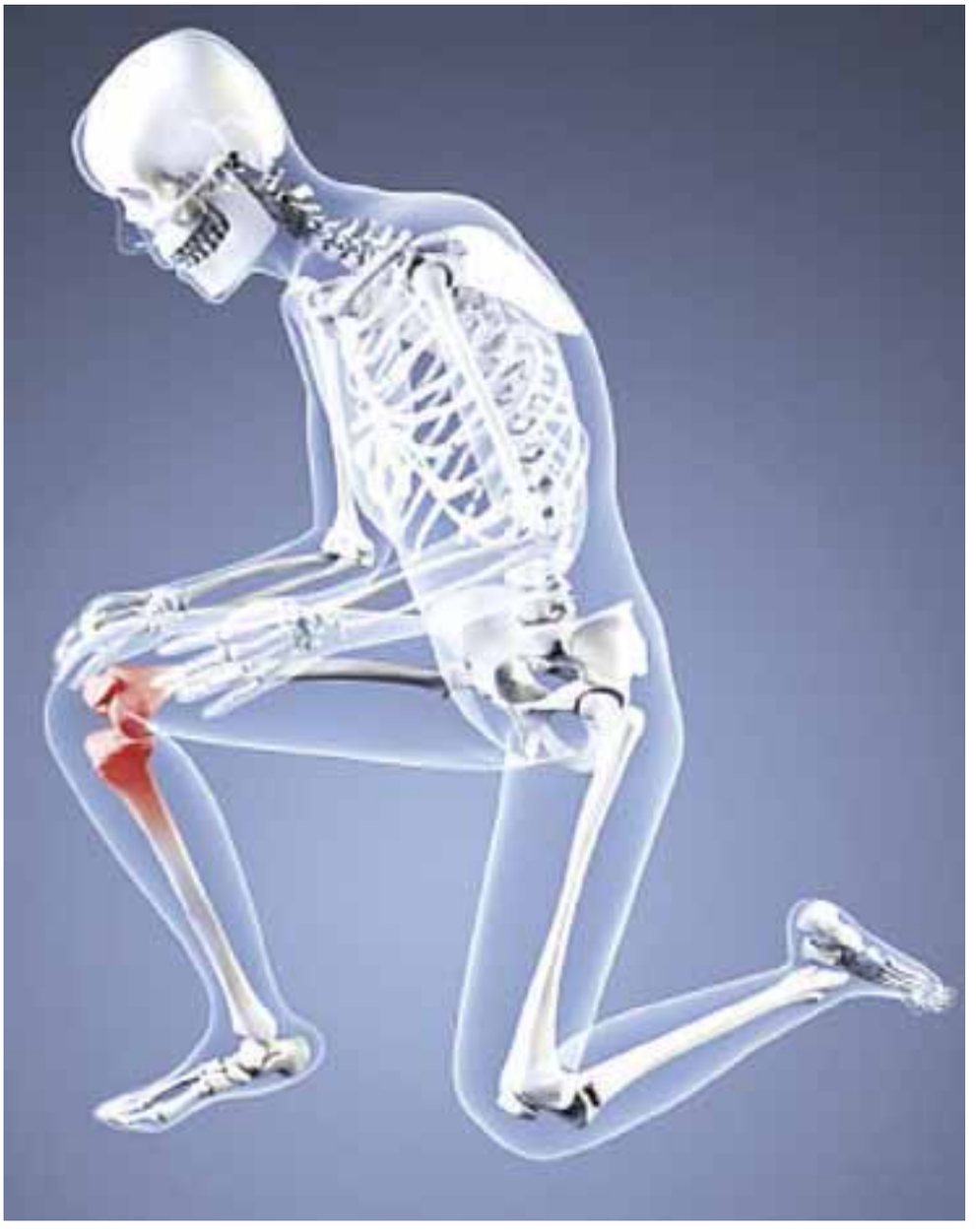

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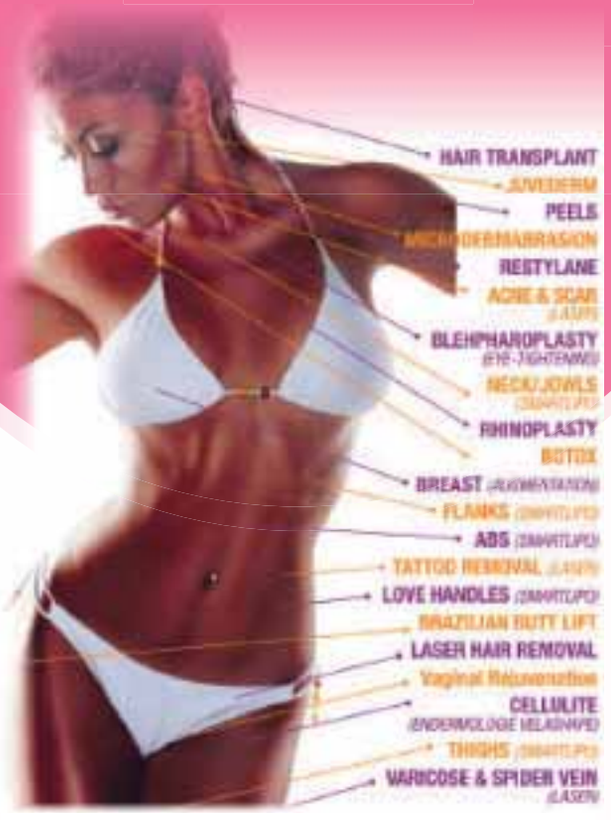

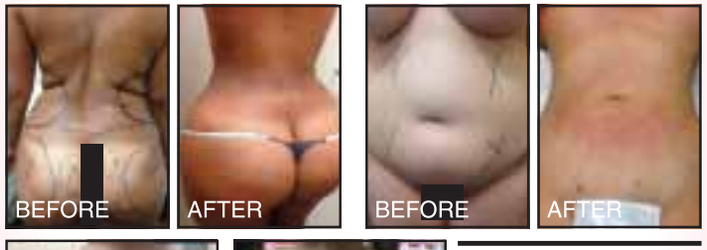

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Everything you need to know about mortgages

How to get the best rate for your new home.

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Everyone eventually wants to own that gorgeous home with the white picket fence or that dream apartment just steps from the park. But let's be honest: Do we really know everything that goes into owning a home, not to mention applying for and getting the best mortgage rates you can get? We spoke with Gary Tamboer, national residential lending director at Popular Community Bank, to clear up some of the misconceptions you may have about applying for a mortgage.

When should you start thinking about your mortgage?

There are a lot of things to consider when buying a home — just in terms of the home itself — so it may be easy for you to put the financial aspects on the back burner. As hard as it may be, this is something that you should really pay attention to right from the get-go and make sure that every base is covered before you put your down-payment and try to secure the best mortgage loan rate that makes sense for you in the long run.

According to Tamboer, as soon as you know that you are going to put in an offer on a home, you should start to familiarize yourself with the process. "It's never too early to educate yourself on the products, the process and your different options," says Tamboer, "whether your ready today, tomorrow or next year — that knowledge is always good to have."

This means, you should have enough money saved up to meet the down-payment requirements to secure your bid on a house as well as a good credit score to get the best loan rate from a bank that will meet your comfort level.

What is the ideal credit score for the best mortgage rate?

A rule of thumb to think about when considering getting the best possible mortgage rate is that the higher your credit score is, the more likely your mortgage will be greenlit with a lower rate. But different banks look at different numbers.

"I would compare it to insurance," says Tamboer. "The higher the risk, the higher the premium. It's the same thing with a credit score. At some point,

the score will fall below the level that can be approved. For some institutions, that's 620. Some go to 660. Some of them are a combination of different things. So if you have a larger down payment, they're usually softer on the credit score and things like that. It can get very intertwined on what that score can be."

There are many ways to check your credit score — including online options like Credit Karma and AnnualCreditReport.com — but by working together with a loan officer at your bank, you can work out ways to get your credit to meet its standards for preapproval.

How long will it take to pay off my mortgage?

That all depends. People pay off their loans at different rates than others. That's why it is so important to make sure that you have the best down payment a great credit score to ensure that you won't be paying off your mortgage for more than 30 years from now.

But one of the benefits of owning property over renting is that if you are unhappy with your home, you can always sell it toward your next one. Because you are putting so much money into your home, you should view it as what it really is: an investment. And with the way the housing market has been going, your home will most likely increase in value in the years after your purchase.

"Especially in the markets that we're in," says Tamboer, "we pretty much see steady appreciation. So it's not always a matter of what you paid for it. If you rent something, yeah you don't get those roots in the ground but you don't get the reward of building the equity in the property and taking that property and leveraging it into your next property."

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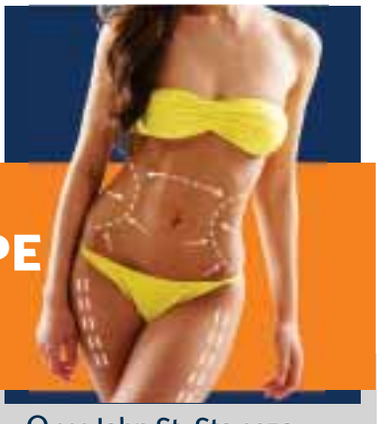

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Pat King
Grumble Editor

As the poet Elvis Costello once said :"Welcome to the working week/Oh, I know it don't thrill you/I hope it don't kill you." And thus, we begin another week here at the Grumble! We received a bunch of great submissions over the weekend and here are the cream of the crop. Take it away!

So many Grumbles. So little time. ISTOCK

STOP LEAVING SHOPPING CARTS IN THE PARKING LOT!
My pet peeve is lazy people who refuse to return grocery carts to corrals or designated areas. Some carts are left in handicap spaces, which is unfair for people who need this convenience.

On windy days carts are strewn all over parking lots causing damage to parked cars. I saw a woman put a cart directly behind a person's car.

I yelled to her, "So you are just gonna leave that behind my car?" She moved it, and then I got in my car which was parked several lanes over.
- Kim Lucas, *Metro US reader*

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My Grumble is when people on subways wait for the doors to open to throw out food & containers onto the platform, as if Is a garbage disposal...
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Taurus Line up what you want to accomplish and get started. Refuse to let the actions of others frustrate you or stand in your way. Stay focused and be alert and ready to take action.

Gemini Lay your cards on the table and take an optimistic, aggressive approach to life and what you want to see happen. Work-related situations will be dependent on performance.

Cancer Keep personal matters and your opinion secret until you know where others stand. Opportunity will come your way if you are proactive and productive.

Leo Look for a window of opportunity and make your move. Keep your eye on what others do and take precautions when faced with impulsive or indulgent individuals who tend to embellish.

Virgo Stick to what you know and don't give in to someone using aggressive tactics to talk you into something that you feel reluctant to pursue. Consult a trusted friend before a big decision.

Libra Communication, educational pursuits and trips pertaining to business or learning will be beneficial. Attending networking events or spending time with children, a friend or relative are favored.

Scorpio A unique approach to how you handle peers or relatives will help you bring about positive change. Prepare a space at home for a project you want to pursue.

Sagittarius A problem will develop if you discuss personal matters with a peer, friend or relative. Don't expect to get the response you want. Your emotions will be tampered with.

Capricorn Don't make a money move or get involved in a joint venture. You are best off waiting until you find an opportunity that doesn't come with a risk factor. Romance will ease your stress.

Aquarius Preparation and organization will help you bring your plans to fruition. Don't take anything or anyone for granted. Listen carefully, as a talk you have will be revealing.

Pisces Keep your story straight. Someone will question you if you embellish a situation to make it sound more intriguing. Truth should be a priority if you want to be taken seriously. EUGENIA LAST

Season two of "Goliath" premieres this weekend. ALL PHOTOS BY AMAZON

Binge this now: Why you should watch Amazon's 'Goliath'

Billy Bob Thornton returns as disgraced lawyer Billy McBride.

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Depending on who you ask, Billy Bob Thornton winning the Best Actor in a Drama Series trophy was one of the biggest surprises at the 2017 Golden Globe Awards. Your point of view will be informed by whether you had watched, let alone even heard of, the freshman Amazon series "Goliath." A legal drama created by television veteran David E. Kelley ("Ally McBeal," "The Practice"), the show follows disgraced lawyer named Billy McBride's (Thornton) attempt to redeem himself.

All eight episodes of the second season will begin streaming Friday, June 15, on Amazon Prime. Instead of angling for his old law firm, however, season two finds McBride taking on a murder case against a young boy pro bono, much to fellow lawyer Patty Solis-Papagian's (Nina Arianda) annoyance. Aside from season one's returning cast, these new episodes feature recurring and guest appearances by Mark Duplass, Lou Diamond Phillips and David Cross.

What is it about?

Before he became "disgraced," McBride was half of the successful law firm Cooperman McBride, which he co-founded with his then-partner, Donald Cooperman (William Hurt). After a murder suspect he got acquitted later killed an entire family, however, McBride washed out, fell deeper into alcoholism and took up residence at an extended-stay hotel on the Santa Monica Pier.

Billy Bob Thorton earned a Golden Globe Award in 2017 for his performance in the hit Amazon series.

When occasional cases don't turn him sober, his daughter, Denise (Diana Hopper), tries to.

Much like fellow Amazon series "Bosch," "Goliath" tells a different story arc each season. Many of the core characters and plot points remain the same, but the rest changes depending on whatever the arc demands. Season one had McBride pursue a wrongful-death suit against one of his former firm's biggest clients, putting him at odds with his ex-partner and many others. Season two, however, sees McBride take a murder case pro bono that may not be what it seems.

Why you should binge it

"Goliath" is worth a binge for three reasons. First, it's short. This isn't the most important reason, of course, but with "Peak TV" in full swing these days, time is precious, and the less time a new piece of entertainment takes, the better. The second and third reasons "Goliath" is worth your time are Thornton himself and the creative team behind the camera. The latter has suffered some turmoil, but the show has yet to suffer as a result.

Meet the cast

Again, Thornton is the main pull behind "Goliath," and for good reason. His Golden Globe Award-winning turn as McBride is simultaneously enjoyable and difficult to watch. But he's not the only fantastic part of the series. Arianda's Patty and Hopper's Denise keep the star on his toes, as does paralegal-cum-escort Brittany Gold (Tania Raymonde). Meanwhile, season two adds Ana de la Reguera, Morris Chestnut, Duplass, Phillips and Cross to the mix.

How to binge

All eight episodes of "Goliath" season one are available to stream for all Amazon Prime subscribers. When they drop Friday, June 15, all eight episodes of season two will also be available on Amazon Prime.

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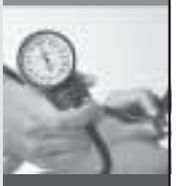

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The ultimate game of tag heads to the big screen. KYLE KAPLAN/ WARNER BROS. PICTURES

'Tag' is the 'big, studio comedy' Jake Johnson has been dying to make

"We all knew what we were trying to do."

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It's hard to pin Jake Johnson down. While Johnson played Nick Miller in "New Girl" for seven seasons, he balanced that out with leading parts in the indie hits "Safety Not Guaranteed" and "Drinking Buddies," supporting roles in the blockbusters "Jurassic World" and "The Mummy," and he even branched out to co-write "Digging for Fire" and "Win It All." Johnson's eclectic career choices have clearly worked wonders so far, as his inherent warmth and goofiness immediately elevates any project he is involved in.

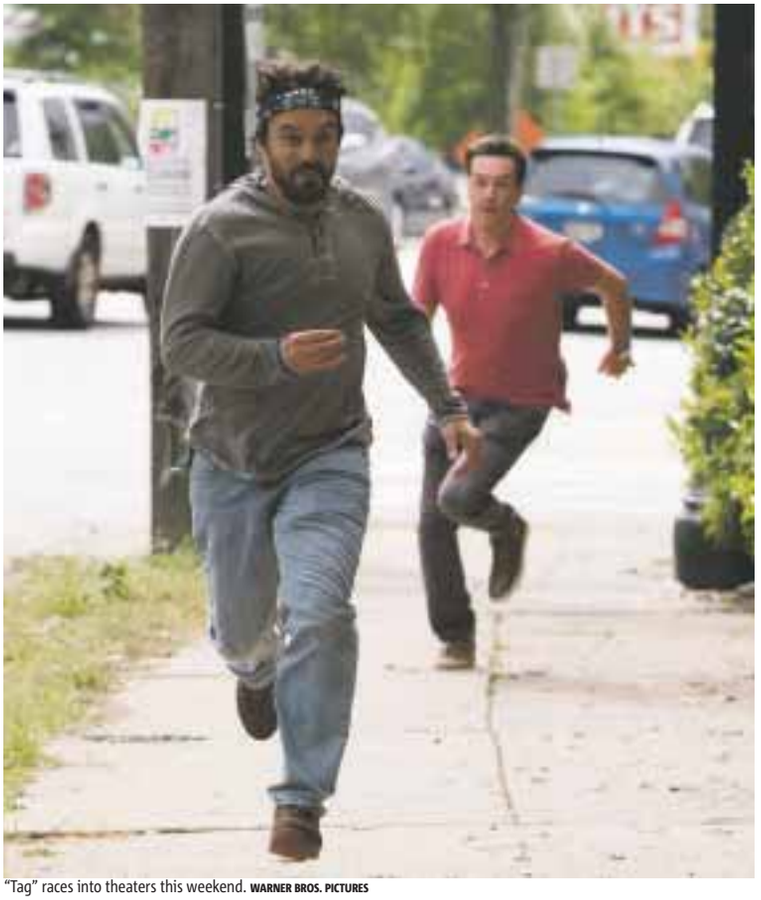
These qualities have also always meant that Johnson would be the ideal addition to any mainstream comedic ensemble. Which, coincidentally, was the next cinematic box that Johnson wanted to tick off. That made the

offer of Randy "Chilli" Chilliano in "Tag" just too good to turn down, as the outrageous comedy revolves around a group of tight-knit friends and the 30-year-long game of tag that kept them together.

Johnson recently told Metro that the immediate appeal of "Tag" was that it was a "big, studio comedy."

"We all knew what we were trying to do," Johnson says of his castmates Ed Helms, Jeremy Renner, Jon Hamm and Hannibal Buress. "And I thought, 'The laughs are good. There's a lot of fun set-pieces. It is ridiculous. It has some heart. There was nothing in it that I thought was offensive or mean-spirited.'

"I really wanted to make a popcorn movie." he adds. "Where people could just go, and if they didn't want to see a big franchise movie, or a sequel or a remake, if they just wanted to sit down and watch a big-laugh comedy with an ensemble that you



"Tag" races into theaters this weekend. WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Jeremy Renner broke both his arms on the set of "Tag." WARNER BROS. PICTURES

like. I thought that was accomplished and that made me happy."

Johnson's positivity for "Tag" bled into its production, as the actor insisted it was just fun to make the movie with a "really good group of people." Unfortunately, those good vibes didn't manifest into an impromptu game of on-set tag, though.

"I am 40 years old," Johnson says. "I don't have much interest in playing tag. I have interest in shooting a movie about tag. So there was no running around and tagging each other."

Which was probably for the best, because Renner managed to break both of his arms just while shooting "Tag." Johnson made it very clear that he wasn't to blame for these injuries, pointing out that he didn't see the scene being shot. Although he did joke that it was "probably" somehow his fault indirectly.

It isn't a surprise to learn that Johnson didn't partake in a game of tag during production; he says he didn't even really like to play it when he was a child.

Instead, he just focused on "playing make-believe and wearing goofy clothes and wigs and using funny voices." Johnson is more than aware that that has paid dividends, as he enthusiastically pointed out "now I do it professionally."

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5 Outdoor entertaining essentials you need to get this summer

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Spruce up your backyard with these must-have items.

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Now that the warm weather is here to stay, it's time to dream about backyard barbecues, quick escapes to the shore and friendly badminton matches at the neighbor's house. Summertime is the season to make the most out of your outdoor living space. Aside from friends, tunes and food, here are our top five outdoor living essentials.

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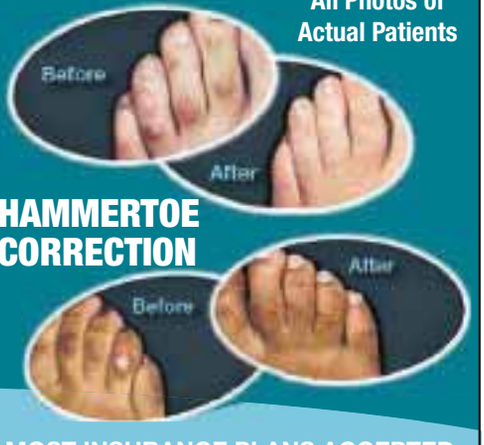

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3 ways to celebrate rosé season around the city

Sip pink all summer long.

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Tis the season for warm-weather travel, lush botanicals, radiant bloom and summer's favorite pink-pick-me-up—rosé. Here are a few of the best places around the city to sip pink all summer long.

New York City
Summertime in the city starts now! The Lowell is making "Rosé Thursdays" a thing with their singularly exceptional rosé menu (offering both regular and sparkling pink wines). If that doesn't have you thirsty for more, perhaps, a warm complementary plate of gougères created by pastry chef David Carmichael will have you salivating?

Long Island
Rosé you say? July 28 is the start of summer's Rosé and Bubbly Fest in Aquebogue, North Fork of Long Island. Here, wine connoisseurs will sip plenty of pink in the mist of a breath-taking 60 acre-winery, Palmer Vineyards. Paired with the blushing and sparkling wines will be table cheeses presented by a variety of local producers. Oh yes, there's a dress code, "Summer-chic and pink. Dress to impress."

Governor's Island
Here's a toast to you and a toast to summer! The highly awaited rosé themed picnic christened the "Pinknic" will return to Governor's Island on Saturday, June 30, and Sunday, July 1, of this year. Essentially, this Coachella for rosé lovers event will be the salute of the summer. Not to mention, the musical meets rosé gathering will be the highlight of your Instagram grid #pinknic. A refreshing blend of food, live music, and the prettiest rosy wines on the coast are reason alone to reserve yourself a spot.

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TIMES QUALIFIED: 13
LAST APPEARANCE: 2014
BEST FINISH: 4th (1986)
WORLD RANKING: 3rd

THE STAR
EDEN HAZARD
CLUB TEAM
CHELSEA (ENG)

There will be an overwhelming amount of pressure on manager Roberto Martinez to perform well in Russia this summer.

This is the best squad Belgium has ever put together in terms of talent with Manchester City star Kevin De Bruyne, Chelsea talisman Eden Hazard and Manchester United striker Romelu Lukaku pacing a side that disappointed in Brazil four years ago and didn't do much better at Euro 2016.

They'll have to rely on their attack this year as questions surround the fortitude of the defense after Martinez named just six natural defenders to the squad.

ENGLAND

"THE THREE LIONS"

TIMES QUALIFIED: 15
LAST APPEARANCE: 2014
BEST FINISH: WINNERS ('66)
WORLD RANKING: 12th

THE STAR
HARRY KANE
CLUB TEAM
TOTTENHAM (ENG)

Gareth Southgate is advertising a young, exciting squad that his country can get behind during the World Cup. Harry Kane will be the face of England alongside Raheem Sterling up front. But at the end of the day, the English will be looking for results.

One of the traditional powers on the world soccer stage, England is still waiting for its first championship since 1966. They have not made it out of the Round of 16 in each of the last two tounaments and haven't made it past the quarterfinals since 1990.

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JUN. 18, 2 PM
TUNISIA v. ENGLAND

JUN. 23, 8 AM
BELGIUM v. TUNISIA

JUN. 24, 8 AM
ENGLAND v. PANAMA

JUN. 28, 2 PM
ENGLAND v. BELGIUM

JUN. 28, 2 PM
PANAMA v. TUNISIA

FIFA WORLD CUP
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PANAMA

"LOS CANALEROS"

TIMES QUALIFIED: 1
LAST APPEARANCE: N/A
BEST FINISH: N/A
WORLD RANKING: 55th

THE STAR
JAIME PENEDO
CLUB TEAM
D. BUCHAREST (BEL)

Roman Torres' memorable goal against Costa Rica secured Panama its first-ever World Cup Finals appearance, making the Canal Men the darlings of Group G. But they are severe underdogs to make it out of the group.

Panama will be riding the tidal wave of emotions that will come with making a debut on such a monumental stage. They will also be playing for veteran midfielder Amilcar Henriquez, who spent more than 10 years on the national team. He was shot and killed outside of his home last year.

TUNISIA

"THE EAGLES OF CARTHAGE"

TIMES QUALIFIED: 5
LAST APPEARANCE: 2006
BEST FINISH: 9th (1978)
WORLD RANKING: 21st

THE STAR
WAHBI KHAZRI
CLUB TEAM
RENNES (FRA)

They might not have had the most difficult qualifying group out of Africa, but Tunisia will enter its first World Cup in 12 years beaten up.

The Eagles of Carthage will be without stars Youssef Msakni while Ghaylene Chaalali, Mohamed Amine Ben Amor and Ali Maaloul are banged up as well.

Had this been a fully healthy side, Tunisia could have made a considerable amount of noise in Group G to worry Belgium and England.

Mets wasting great starting pitching

The Mets offense and bullpen has let down a starting rotation that has performed well over the past three weeks.

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The New York Mets halted an eight-game losing streak on Sunday night, the franchise's longest such streak in 14 years, with a 2-0 win over the New York Yankees behind the pitching brilliance of spot starter Seth Lugo, who had filled in for the injured Noah Syndergaard.

He allowed just two hits over six innings while striking out eight, lowering his season ERA to 1.77, stifling a threatening Yankees team that took the first two games of the Subway Series at Citi Field.

It's continued the trend of Mets starters who have performed extremely well over the past 21 games despite the team being in a horrific slump.

After starting the season 11-1, the wheels have fallen off in Queens as the Mets are 17-33 since April 14. That's the worst mark in the National League during that span as this latest eight-game losing streak made it look as though the season was doomed in early June.

But the starting pitching has been a saving grace since May 20 as New York's rotation has accrued a 2.34 ERA over those 21 games. On 13 occasions, the opposition has scored four runs or less, but the Mets are just 6-15.

That's because an anemic offense has been unable to score runs, averaging just three per game over the past three weeks. It's been even worse over their last nine games, even with their Sunday-night win, as the Mets have plated an average of 1.4 runs.

Seth Lugo collected a rare win on Sunday as Mets starters continue to shine over the last 21 games. GETTY IMAGES

Most notably, they've spoiled the brilliance of Jacob deGrom, who is putting together a serious Cy Young Award resume through the first three months of the season, leading the National League with a 1.57 ERA.

Over his last nine starts dating back to April 21, he's allowed just five earned runs in 55.1 innings while striking out 76 batters. Yet, he's only picked up two winning decisions while the Mets are 2-7 as a team in those starts thanks to a 2.1 runs-per-game average.

The rest of the Mets rotation has begun to come around, for the most part to bring some support to deGrom. Steven Matz has a 2.05 ERA in his last four starts while Jason Vargas has lowered his ERA from 13.86 on May 8 to 7.71 in his last four outings. Zack Wheeler has also been improving with a 2.52 ERA since May 22.

All this has been going on while Noah Syndergaard continues to nurse an injured finger and the bullpen sports a concerning ERA of 4.03 so far this year.

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How long is Sanchez's leash?

The Yankees catcher has not been able to shake a horrendous slump that's been plaguing him for most of this season.

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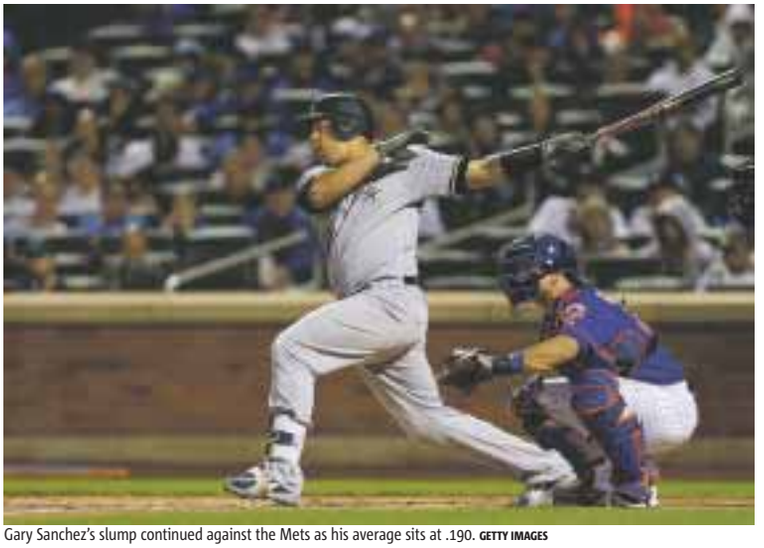

Gary Sanchez's slump continued against the Mets as his average sits at .190. GETTY IMAGES

It's easy for some concerns to fall by the wayside if you're supporting the New York Yankees.

Despite a 2-0 loss on Sunday night to the crosstown rival Mets, which was the first time they were shut out all season, the Yankees still sit in first place in the AL East with a 42-19 record. And while the team is in need of some help in the starting rotation, which will likely be addressed before this summer's trade deadline, there are issues arising with star catcher Gary Sanchez.

The 25-year-old backstop, who quickly developed into the best hitting catcher in baseball, has been unable to find any sort of consistent success at the plate in 2018.

The power is there on paper with 12 home runs in 55 games, which puts him on pace for just under 30 round-trippers this year, but it's his average that's the been the real problem.

An 0-for-4 on Sunday night dropped Sanchez's average to .190 on the season as he continues a horrific slump that has seen him collect just four hits in his last 51 at-bats. That's a .075 average in 15 games.

He hasn't hit a home run since May 19 and has just eight walks compared to 19 strikeouts since then.

In the meantime, the Yankees have a back-up catcher in Austin Romine who is hitting .344 with four home runs and 19 RBI in 22 games, yet hasn't appeared in a game since Junew 6.

Sanchez though has started 16 of New York's last 18 games with seemingly no repercussions from his slump. One would think that manager Aaron Boone would give his slumping star a few nights off to try and get his swing right, but that probably won't be the case as he continues to put his trust in Sanchez.

"I know I have beaten this drum a lot with him but he is such a natural hitter. I think he is in one of those stretches that is a little fluky, that every great hitter has [gone through] at some point in the course of their career," Boone said (h/t New York Post). "Watching the last couple of weeks, he is probably a little bit anxious and hasn't necessarily struggled like this as a hitter in his career. Hitting is hard and sometimes you want to chase that hit. You want to get that hit so bad that it can work against you. Results will follow good at-bats. It's only a matter of time. He will settle in and the hits will fall in."

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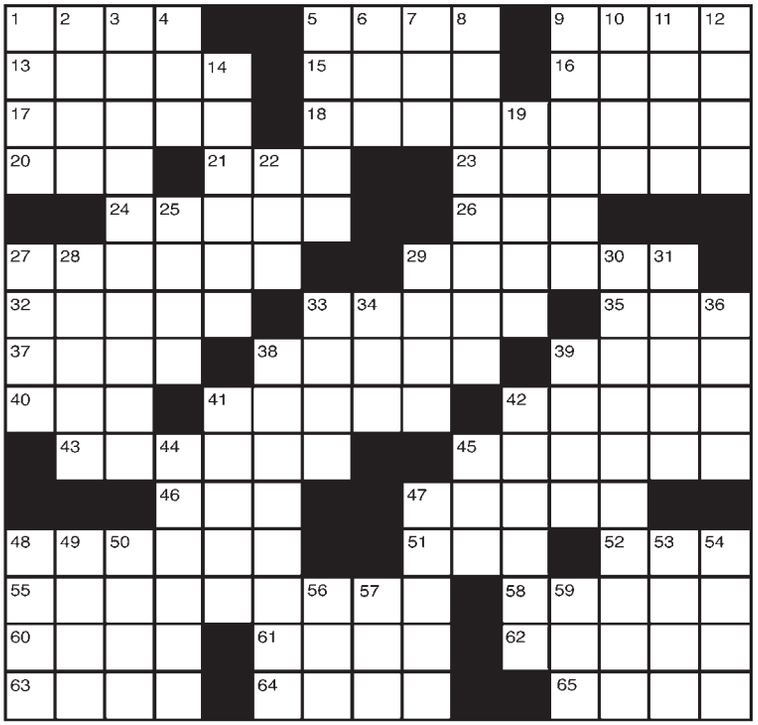

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23 Burns with liquid
24 Furious
26 Crock-__; slow cooker
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29 Not roundabout
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33 Reject with disdain
35 Regulation
37 "Born __ Wild"; Steppenwolf song
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39 Use a PC keyboard
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41 Necklace fastener
42 Lost color
43 Whispered confidence
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46 __ Vegas
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48 __ the board; affecting everyone
51 Word of disgust
52 Uno, __, tres...
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31 __ off; diminish slowly
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39 Military vehicle
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